

GEF IW Project

“Enabling Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water Resources Management in the Extended Drin River Basin”

Interlinkages between the GEF Drin project and the Action plan for the implementation of the Drin MoU

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Objective

To promote joint management of the shared water resources of the extended transboundary Drin River Basin, including coordination mechanisms among the various sub-basin commissions and committees (Lakes Prespa, Ohrid and Shkoder/Skadar).

Component 1: Consolidating a common knowledge base

**Component 2:
Building the foundation for multi-country cooperation**

**Component 3:
Institutional strengthening for Integrated River Basin Management (IRBM)**

**Component 4:
Demonstration of technologies and practices for IWRM and ecosystem management**

**Component 5:
Stakeholder Involvement, Gender Mainstreaming and Communication Strategies**

Component 1: Consolidating a common knowledge base

Expected Outcome 1

Joint fact finding facilitates achievement of science based consensus among countries on:

- (i) the transboundary implications of the shared nature of the Basin's water resources;
- (ii) key transboundary concerns, including climate change and variability;
- (iii) need for harmonized monitoring and reporting on common indicators.

Outputs

- Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA).
- Drivers and Indicators (study of, and agreement on the “main drivers of change” and on the “indicators of current conditions (status indicators)”).

The Drin Core Group will approve both drivers and indicators.

- Monitoring and Information Management System (IMS).

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Expected Outcome 2

Visioning process and agreement on priorities for action.

Outputs

-Shared Vision (will set the **environmental quality targets**, and strategic **development lines and priorities**, will be developed and formally agreed upon by the countries).

Based on the Shared Strategic Vision described in the MoU

- A Strategic Action Program (SAP) formulated and endorsed (horizon 5 years) addressing main issues of transboundary concern.

Expected Outcome 3

Riparians and donors commit to sustain joint cooperation mechanisms and to undertake priority reforms and investments

Outputs

- A Partnership Conference consolidates international support for the implementation of the priority actions identified in the SAP.

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Outputs

- Joint Commission for the Extended Drin Basin established and capacitated

to foster:

- cooperation among existing Joint Bodies in Lakes.**
- coordinated management of the Basin**
- implementation of SAP**

On the basis of the current joint Drin Core Group

- National level Inter-ministerial Committees (water, environment, energy, agriculture, spatial planning, treasury) established.

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Expected Outcome 4

The establishment and strengthening of the institutional and legal frameworks for transboundary cooperation.

Outputs

- SAP:

**Reviewed and endorsed by the Commission
Into national actions and policies by the national Interministerial
Committees.**

- Training Program for ministries, practitioners, local authorities etc.

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Expected Outcome 5

Cooperation on sustainable natural resources management strengthened by **piloting environmentally sound approaches and technologies new to the region.**

Outputs

- A program of on the ground **pilot demonstrations** designed, and implemented.

- E.g.
- IWRM practices and water use efficiency measures;
 - Reduction of nutrient loads
 - Land Use Planning / Groundwater protection
 - Extreme Climatic Events
 - Sustainable Tourism
 - Flood Management Plans
 - etc.

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Expected Outcome 6

Public support and participation to IWRM and joint multi-country management enhanced through stakeholder involvement and gender mainstreaming.

Outputs

- A Stakeholder Involvement and Gender Mainstreaming Strategy defined and implemented.

Expected Outcome 7

Political awareness at all levels and private sector participation strengthened through higher visibility of the project's developments and targeted outreach initiatives.

Outputs

- Information, Communication and Outreach Strategy prepared and implemented.

